



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISORS DISAPPOINTED IN COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S VETO OF FULL FUNDING FOR READY TO WORK INITIATIVE

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Eyon Biddle, Sr., and Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., released the following statements after County Executive Chris Abele vetoed 90% of the funding for the [Biddle-Lipscomb Ready to Work Initiative](#):

Supervisor Lipscomb

“Supervisor Biddle and I proposed the Ready to Work Initiative to balance the need to help businesses create jobs while investing in job training for County residents. Unfortunately, this partial veto creates a 20-1 imbalance that highly favors the business community over workers. This action fails to recognize the magnitude of the mismatch between the number of skilled workers and available job opportunities.”

“The fact that the County Executive didn’t eliminate the program completely shows he must understand that it’s something we need to do, but his veto means we can’t even make a dent in the problem.”

Supervisor Biddle

“To say the least, this veto is highly disappointing. The County Executive appears to be extremely out of touch with his constituents. I’m not sure what world he’s living in. The greatest need for the residents of Milwaukee County right now is jobs. Milwaukee is the 9th poorest city in the nation, and he should do everything in his power to create job training opportunities. The County Executive wants to take smaller steps, but families living in poverty and devoid of hope deserve bold ideas and leadership.

“It seems that the County Executive is more concerned with creating one comptroller position for Milwaukee County than creating opportunities for thousands of Milwaukee County residents out of work. It is also peculiar that the County Executive is only willing to give \$100,000 to fund this program, despite amendments offered by some of my most conservative colleagues allocating \$500,000.

“I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in overriding this veto on Wednesday. With a County Board override, the Ready to Work Initiative will be a success – and the County Executive will likely take all the credit for it.”

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